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Applicant: Strand et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1761

Title: A Resealable Bag for Filling with Food Product(s) and Method

AMENDMENT C

Box Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the office action dated 1 October 2002 for Application Serial No. 09/804,403.

RESPONSE

The purpose of the present amendment is to respond to a restriction requirement and not to address any questions as to patentability.

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 121 and to the Examiner's request, the applicants elect to prosecute this application under Invention II.

Please delete claims 29 - 40, inclusive, without prejudice, as they are drawn to a non-elected invention.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement as to the characterization of the remaining claims, namely claims 1 - 28, 41 - 62, and 75 - 94, as being drawn to pre-packaged cheese, since at least claims 1 - 28, inclusive and 41 - 62, inclusive do not require the presence of cheese.

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